GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF PIG IRON
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has emerged as one of the top pig-iron exporters after establishment of Neelanchal Ispat Nigam Limited in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of export of pig iron being made to international market, since its inception, year-wise and country-wise; and

(d) the foreign exchange earned in terms of Indian rupee thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a)&(b) Sir, prior to the establishment of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited, the country`s export of pig iron stood at 4 lakh metric tonnes during the year 2001-02, with 5% world market share. However, after the establishment of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited in 2002-03, the country`s exports has gone up to 6.5 lakh metric tonnes, with the world market share of 8%.

(c) The country-wise break-up of Pig Iron exported by Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. during 2002-03 is as under:

Country	Quantity (Metric Tonnes)
Korea	27,500
Thailand	80,622
Malaysia	56,625
Indonesia	43,249
Japan	31,500
TOTAL	2,39,496

(d) Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. earned Rs 158.90 crores in foreign exchange during 2002-03 against the above exports.